

Figure 2.61

## Parkca Geographic Area

23,633 NFS Acres    290 Non-NFS Acres    23,922 Total Acres






### Management Area Prescription Allocation

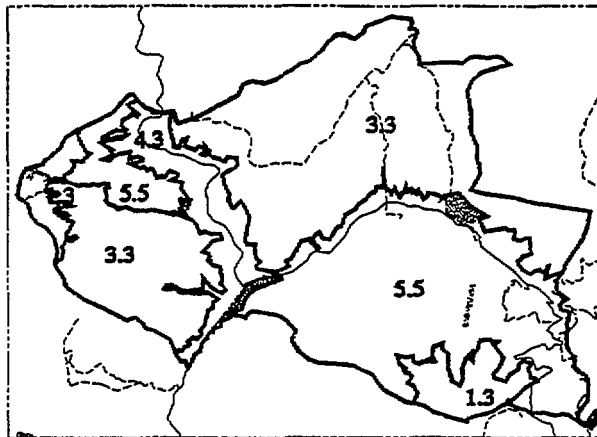
- 1.3 - Backcountry Recreation
- 3.3 - Backcountry Recreation - Motorized
- 4.3 - Dispersed Recreation
- 5.5 - Forest Products and Dispersed Recreation

### NFS Acres

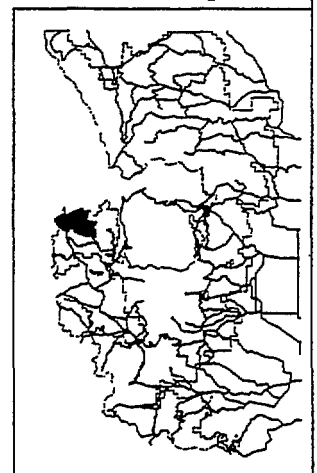
1,638  
11,309  
1,988  
8,698

### Legend

-  Not NFS Lands
-  Roads
-  Trails
-  Utility Corridors (0.00 Mi.)
-  Electronic Sites



### Locator Map



Scale 1:200,000  
0 1  
Miles



## PARKCA GEOGRAPHIC AREA

### Setting

The area is located approximately 18 miles north-northwest of the Town of Granby and consists of 29,120 acres. Elevations range from 12,296 feet at the top of Parkview Mountain to 8,849 feet along Highway 125 in the Willow Creek drainage. Most of the area is forested with lodgepole pine, Engelmann spruce, subalpine fir, and aspen. There are alpine meadows and tundra on the higher peaks. The major streams are Willow, Bronco, Sherman, Trout, and Pass Creeks. Lost Lake is the only lake in the area.

The area has seen extensive timber management during the past 35 years. Evidence of timber harvest is visible from the main travel routes in the area. The area is also very popular for dispersed recreation including snowmobiling, hunting, dispersed camping, off-highway vehicle (OHV) use and mountain biking.

### Goals and Desired Conditions

Manage the area to provide a full spectrum of recreational activities and timber production. Manage dispersed camping along the Stillwater Pass Road for heavy use in the summer. Continue to emphasize snowmobiling, at least as far west as Highway 125.

Emphasize watershed rehabilitation where road densities are excessive and are contributing to watershed degradation. Restoring the Willow Creek watershed and/or protecting wildlife habitat may require road closures and obliterations or limits to motorized use. Protecting or maintaining habitat for elk and bighorn sheep prohibits motorized use on tundra during the summer months.

Minimize mine-dredging activities within Trout, Sherman, and Willow Creeks to enhance and protect fisheries habitat and water quality.

Fire management prescriptions for the geographic area are shown on the *wildland fire management strategy map* included with this document.

#### *Management Area 1.3*

Retain roadless character and manage these areas for limited development where the visitor will have a feeling of solitude. Timber harvest and roading will not occur. Summer motorized activities are prohibited; winter motorized recreation is permitted.

#### *Management Area 3.3*

Manage Illinois Pass, Willow Creek Pass, Gilsonite and Sherman Creek Trails for heavy motorized and nonmotorized use. Manage primary roads such as Stillwater, Mulstay 4x4, and

Parkview for heavy motorized traffic. Timber management is not compatible with the recreational emphasis. Timber harvest is not scheduled and probably will not occur. Accept insect and disease losses unless they threaten other ownership or cause unacceptable resource damage.

#### *Management Area 4.3*

Recreation is the primary emphasis. Timber management is not compatible with the recreational emphasis. Timber harvest is not scheduled and probably will not occur. Accept insect and disease losses unless they threaten other ownership or cause unacceptable resource damage.

Pursue landownership adjustments along Willow Creek to protect fisheries and wetland habitat and to provide recreational opportunities.

#### *Management Areas 5.5 and 5.11*

Emphasize recreation and forest products. Manage vegetation to provide the needed mix of wildlife habitats, reduced fuel loadings, timber products, scenic enhancements, and rehabilitation of landscape elements. A full range of silvicultural and harvest practices is likely to occur within the area during the planning period.

Maintain lodgepole and spruce-fir representation on the landscape. Recruit and retain old growth where practicable. Create conditions that make insect and disease epidemics unlikely by thinning dense trees, maintaining a variety of tree species, and removing dead and diseased trees. Suppress insect and disease infestations to prevent epidemics.

#### **Travel Management Strategy, Parkca Geographic Area**

Management Area	Mode	Existing System	Covert Ways	New Rds/Trls	Extent of Additons	Extent of Obliterations
1.3	4WD	N	N	N	N	L
	MTR	N	N	N	N	N
	WMT	Y	N	N	N	N
	WNM	Y	N	N	N	N
	NMT	Y	N	N	N	N
3.3	4WD	Y	N	Y	L	L
	MTR	Y	N	Y	L	N
	WMT	Y	N	Y	L	N
	WNM	Y	N	Y	L	N
	NMT	Y	N	Y	L	N

Management Area	Mode	Existing System	Convert Ways	New Rds/Trls	Extent of Additons	Extent of Obliterations
4.3	4WD	Y	N	N	N	L
	MTR	Y	N	Y	L	N
	WMT	Y	N	Y	L	N
	WNM	Y	N	Y	L	N
	NMT	Y	N	Y	L	N
5.11	4WD	Y	N	Y	L	L
	MTR	Y	N	Y	L	L
	WMT	Y	N	Y	M	L
	WNM	Y	N	Y	M	L
	NMT	N	N	Y	L	L
5.5	4WD	Y	N	Y	L	N
	MTR	Y	N	Y	L	N
	WMT	Y	N	Y	M	N
	WNM	Y	N	Y	M	N
	NMT	N	N	Y	L	N